REMARKS

Cancellation of claims 1 and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer is being requested so only objected to claims 2 and 17 and rejected claims 3-15 and 18-30 are pending.

Objected to claims 2 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim. The Examiner has indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten as such.

Furthermore, rejected claims 3-15 have been rewritten to include limitations of objected to claim 2. Rejected claims 18-30 have been rewritten to include limitations of objected to claim 17.

CONCLUSION

All the rejections of claims having been addressed and the claims as presented herein being believed allowable, Applicant submits that the application is hereby placed in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

While Applicant believes no fees or extension of time are required for this Amendment and Request for Reconsideration. However, should an extension of time be required for the timely submission of this paper, such extension is hereby petitioned and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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